

17. (New) A fuel injection valve as claimed in claim 3, wherein a coefficient of friction between the coating layer and the nozzle body is not more than 0.2.

18. (New) A fuel injection valve as claimed in claim 4, wherein a coefficient of friction between the coating layer and the nozzle body is not more than 0.2.

19. (New) A fuel injection valve as claimed in claim 2, wherein a coefficient of friction between the coating layer and the nozzle body is not more than 0.1.

20. (New) A fuel injection valve as claimed in claim 3, wherein a coefficient of friction between the coating layer and the nozzle body is not more than 0.1.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 6-9 have been amended to avoid multiple dependency. Claims 10-20 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 20696-00097-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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